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Senator Grohoski, Representative Friedmann, and esteemed members of the Judiciary committee,

My name is Hannah and I live in Hancock County. I am writing this testimony in support of LD2106: An Act to Prohibit the Disclosure of Nonpublic Records Without Proper Judicial Review. As a library worker in Maine, I have seen firsthand how free and public access to information, knowledge and library services is an essential, valuable and transformative service that libraries provide. I feel proud to work at a library and know that I am promoting fair and equitable access to books, internet, printing and community gathering spaces. I know that this work makes my community stronger, smarter and more united. I urge you to protect libraries and other organizations such as schools and hospitals, ensuring that everyone in my community and across Maine continues to have access to the life-giving services that these institutions provide. Liberty and freedom for all means that every person in Maine can go to school, to the library, to the hospital, without fear that their private information will be disclosed without a proper warrant. I want to feel safe knowing that I am backed by the state to ask for fair due process and lawful treatment for myself as a library worker and other library patrons. During this time of increased stress, anxiety and fear, I ask that you do your part to ensure that no one in Maine has to make the choice between access to books, healthcare or schooling and their own safety.. Please support LD2106.

Thank you for your consideration,
Hannah